## EXHIBIT O DEP LETTER RE RELEASE FROM CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN



September 1, 2015



Mr. John Nagel, Manager East Whiteland Township 209 Conestoga Road Frazer, PA 19355-1699

Re:

Municipal Wasteload Management Program

Corrective Action Plan (CAP) & Connection Management Plan (CMP)

for Mill Lane and Sidley Road Gravity Sewer Collection and

Conveyance Systems East Whiteland Township

Chester County

Dear Mr. Nagel:

On October 9, 2014, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received a request from Mr. Kevin McAghon, P.E. of ARRO Consulting, Inc., East Whiteland Township's engineer, that East Whiteland Township's (Township) Connection Management Plan (CMP) for the Mill Lane and Sidley Road Gravity Sewer Collection and Conveyance Systems be modified.

Mr. McAghon has documented that Phases 1 and 2 of the Township's Corrective Action Plan (CAP) have been completed. Phases 1 and 2 involved the replacement and upgrade of the existing sewers in Mill Lane and Sidley Road with larger diameter pipe.

The replacement of these sewers mitigated the broken sewer interceptor along Mill Lane under Route 202 and eliminated the hydraulic restriction that existed within these sewer lines. The sewer upgrades within Mill Lane and Sidley Road have provided the Township's conveyance system with adequate capacity to meet its current and 5-year projected needs.

A review of the Township's portion of the Year 2014 Chapter 94 Report submitted for the Valley Forge Sewer Authority Treatment Plant received by DEP on April 10, 2015, also documents the elimination of the hydraulic restriction that existed within sewers along Mill Lane and Sidley Road with the completion of Phases 1 and 2 of the Township's CAP. Therefore, at this time, the Mill Lane and Sidley Road Gravity Sewer Collection and Conveyance Systems are no longer under any Chapter 94 restrictions. Please be advised that exemptions from Act 537 sewage facilities planning can now be processed for eligible projects proposed in areas tributary to this area of the Township's collection and conveyance system.

Please note that while the Township's CAP is considered terminated, the Township continues to be obligated to implement their East Whiteland Township/Charlestown Township (Southside) Act 537 Special Study, approved by DEP on September 17, 2013. We note that the Township has committed to complete Phase 3 in accordance with the implementation schedule included in their Act 537 Special Study, as described in both the CAP and the approved Act 537 Special Study, to include an expansion of the Lee Boulevard Pump Station (LBPS) and associated force main.

Please note that while a CMP is no longer required to be submitted to DEP, we encourage the Township to continue to internally manage and keep track of connections into their sewerage system including those connections from Charlestown Township's Southside service area.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kelly Boettlin at 484.250.5184.

Sincerely,

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